

# **Hugh Henry Hanna collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Title</b>	Hugh Henry Hanna collection
<b>Date</b>	1893-1920
<b>Extent</b>	0.3 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Box]</b>	1

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Hugh Henry Hanna was born September 19, 1848, to J. S. and Hetty A. Hanna, in Lafayette, Indiana. Hanna married Anna Sharpe on October 22, 1873 and they had three children: Hugh (1876-1950), Elizabeth (1882-1886), and Katharine (1889-1892). They moved to Indianapolis, Indiana in 1880.

Hanna started his business career at his father's bank in Lafayette. He later studied abroad at the University of Berlin in Germany, as well as in the United States at Wabash College. Hanna worked at the company Atlas Engine Works upon moving to Indianapolis and became its owner and president in 1895. He later retired in 1902. Hanna also served as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Indianapolis Monetary Convention during 1897-1900, which had a large influence on the campaign for "honest money." He succeeded in securing the adoption of the gold standard in 1900 and received an appointment to chairman of a commission on the gold standard and foreign policy from U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908.

Hanna died at his home at 1512 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Indiana on October 31, 1920, and was buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

Ancestry.com. "Hugh H. Hanna." *1910 United States Census*. Accessed November 21, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Letter from Hugh Henry Hanna to Theodore Roosevelt. April 21, 1903. Theodore Roosevelt Papers. Library of Congress Manuscript Division. <http://www.theodorerooseveltcenter.org/Research/Digital-Library/Record.aspx?libID=o40767>. Theodore Roosevelt Digital Library. Dickinson State University.

Obituary of Hugh Henry Hanna, Sr. "Obituaries." *The Iron Trade Review* 67, no. 2 (1920): 1359. Accessed November 21, 2015. <http://books.google.com>.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains Hugh Hanna's 54-page manuscript entitled "The Fight for a True Monetary System." There is also a presentation folder imprinted: Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, Hugh H. Hanna, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Indianapolis Monetary Convention, 1897-1900." There are several documents pertaining to the 142nd annual banquet of the New York Chamber of Commerce, which honored Hanna and several other public figures including John Bigelow, Whitelaw Reid, Joseph Choate, Robert E. Peary, Thomas A. Edison, Seth Low, Alexander E. Orr, Horace

Porter, and Theodore Roosevelt. The collection also includes a scrapbook of condolence letters, notes and notices of Hanna's death, created by his wife Anna Sharpe Hanna.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Custodial History

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### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2015/11/05 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield. EAD finding aid created 2015/11/05 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield. EAD finding aid revised 2015/11/21 by Brittany Kropf.

## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Atlas Engine Works.
- Indianapolis Monetary Committee.

### Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)
- Lafayette (Ind.)

### Personal Name(s)

- Hanna, Hugh Henry, 1848-1920

### Subject(s)

- Businesspeople--Indiana
- Economics--Law and legislation
- Indiana---Economic conditions
- United States--Economic conditions

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
"The Fight for a True Monetary System" paper by Hugh Hanna, circa 1889	1	1
Indianapolis Monetary Convention materials, 1897-1900	1	2
New York Board of Trade resolution, 1900 April 11	1	3
New York Chamber of Commerce Banquet materials, 1910 November 17	1	4
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Volume</b>
Album of condolences, circa 1920	1	1